

Life Begins in a MOBILE HOME



By B. E. LOVELL

This column will be a HELP WANTED column. Ever since this page began, I've wanted to run a regular column on the happenings in the mobile home parks in the Torrance, Carson, Avalon Village, Lomita, Harbor City, Waveria and Rolling Hills area, but I've never had time to even start gathering the notes and information necessary for such a column.

So what I'm wondering is whether some of those of you residing in the various parks in our area might not send in or call in such news as you think might be appropriate. And to show you what kind of news I'd like to have I'm going to commit a slight bit of theft from the pages of "Western Mobile Home News."

To wit—Under the byline of Dorothy Nawjoke, with a Torrance, Calif., dateline, I learn that the Junior Mystics

of Long Beach entertained residents of Park Avalon with a magic show May 7, following the club's election of officers. And that Bingo, May 26, was called by Herbert Brown, Jim Helman and Elma Brown. Not to mention the news that Glen and Zella Augustus celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary with Clyde and Ruth Gulvers at Bear.

This is the kind of news I'd like to receive from mobile home park residents in this area.

Another item from the same paper mentions that new committee members for South Bay Mobile Estates social activities consists of chairman Jim Hester, assisted by Dorothy Hester, H. E. and Blanche Roberts, Bill and Lois Mayville, Fred and Sally Lussier, while the new flower committee members are Hortense Shelton and Almeda White.

Finally, to get to an unfiled item, I'd like to report that George Powell, former planning director of Torrance, who is now managing Torrance's newest mobile home park, Skyline Park, too delivery on a new 50-foot Mayflower, with a roomette, from our good friends down at Geo. W. Fry Trailer Sales in Lomita, and has it parked on one of those fine view lots at Skyline, which rumor has it is about to cut the chain and start moving in dozens of mobile home owners who have already reserved spaces.

And that Salvador Perez, the talented gent who makes those crazy telescopic trailers



SPACIOUSNESS AND PROVINCIAL DECOR OF NEW FLAMINGO 12-WIDE MAKE HIT AT HOME SHOW

Flamingo 12-Wide Hit of Home Show

The hit of the recent Los Angeles Home Show, which closed a week ago, was Flamingo's 12-foot wide Mobile Home, and this fact is causing a part of the mobile home industry to reconsider plans to drop completely the building of one-width mobile homes in favor of the increasingly popular expanding type.

The spaciousness of Flamingo's new 12-wide combined with the richness of the provincial decor, appeared to catch the woman's eye, while the male portion of the family seemed impressed by the solid construction which is possible in a one-width design.

"As long as you have to move and set it up anyway, I don't see any advantage to the expandable," one viewer, who was obviously a veteran mobile home owner said.

Another asked the Flamingo official who was answering questions at the show how much actual difference there was in the livingroom of a 10-foot wide and one of the new 12-wides.

"In a 55-foot mobile home," "Speed" Merrifield answered, "you get 110 square feet more in a 12-wide than you'd have in a 10-wide."

Probably the thing that got the most, Oh's and Ah's, from the ladies outside of the decor, was the spacious wardrobes and the multitude of drawers.

USED TO HAVING HITS J. G. Thompson, president of Flamingo, is used to having Hits, since his company is the largest mobile home factory on the West Coast.

This plant, located at 777 West 190th Street, Gardena, was designed and built for

production line volume, but with a rigid quality control brought into the mobile home building field from the aircraft industry by Tompson, who was well known in the latter industry before coming with Flamingo Trailer Manufacturing Corporation.

With four or more large mobile homes rolling off the production line every day, the Flamingo plant has become something of a local attraction, with visitors from all over the country stopping to take a tour through it.

"As a matter of fact," Mr. Thompson says, "visitors have become something of a problem—and while we love to have people visit our plant so they can see for themselves just how a quality mobile home is built, we've had to restrict these tours to those individuals or groups which are accompanied by one of our dealers."

HOME SHOW ATTENDANCE LOWER Attendance at the Los Angeles Home Show this year

was estimated at 15 percent lower than a year ago, but the actual number to visit the Flamingo 12-wide was as great, if not greater, than the number visiting the units displayed last year.

Flamingo assistant general manager J. L. Merrifield attributed this in part to the outstanding beauty and spaciousness of the new 12-wide, and in part "the desire to get a completely furnished, immediately livable home in one package and at a reasonable price."



Perez Installed

Salvador Perez, owner of Tuk-A-Way Trailer Co. above, 1915 W. 182nd St., Torrance, was installed a ste new president of the North Torrance Lions Club at a dinner held at Hiatt House, Aviation and Century, last week.

Perez, a well known local sportsman, wilds a telescopic camper for pickups, which lowers while driving, then telescopes up for camping.

Holland Pair Tours So. Bay

Peter and Johanna Zuidwijk, a spritely couple from Vlaardingien, Holland, recently spent six weeks in the South Bay area, as part of a tour across the U.S. in a Piacador Caravan, a 15-foot travel trailer made in England, which they had shipped across the Atlantic on the SS Rotterdam.

Commenting on Southern California's freeways, Peter Zuidwijk proved to be the exception to the rule as far as European visitors are concerned. He liked them! "It is wonderful, your freeways," he said. "Much better than Holland, where we have many bicycles and traffic is not so well organized."

South Bay weather drew admiration from Johanna Zuidwijk, who was amazed at the lack of rain during the winter months, since in Holland it rains more days than not.

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1. Study the field carefully before you buy.
2. Check the reputation and financial standing of dealers or manufacturers with whom you are considering doing business.
3. Get the best possible service warranty for your mobile home or trailer.
4. Investigate thoroughly the financing and insurance aspects of your purchase.
5. Make sure that all the details of your contract with the dealer are written out and that you understand them thoroughly.

FIRST TORRANCE MOBILE DEALER

Torrance is THE city of the South Bay area, Don Douglas, a leading Los Angeles Mobile Home dealer for the past 10 years, declared yesterday, in explaining how he came to choose Torrance as a location for the first major branch of Douglas Trailer Sales.

"Torrance is obviously going to keep right on growing because once a city gets as much larger than the surrounding cities as Torrance is, this is inevitable," he said.

"Another factor in my decision to move to Torrance is the number of first class mobile home parks in the area.

"This makes it easy for the new mobile home owner to stay in the area, and not have to move miles away from friends and relatives."

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Douglas then went on to say that having the Flamingo Trailer Manufacturing Corporation so nearby guarantees fast delivery, and gives customers buying in Torrance an opportunity to visit the factory and choose exactly what they want in the way of special touches to fit their particular needs.

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No Showers for Campers In State Parks This Year

SACRAMENTO, Calif — The Division of Beaches and parks announced this week that Californians camping and trailering in state parks may have to do without such special conveniences as showers, laundry rooms and swimming, due to restrictions placed on water facilities.

Mt. Jacinto State Park (Fresno - Madera Counties), but it is hoped that sufficient water will be available for showers, drinking etc. El Capitan Beach State Park (Santa Barbara Co.) will shut showers off early in the summer, with some restrictions on use of restrooms. No cutoff of drinking and cooking water is expected.

This pattern of early closing down of showers and so forth is expected to extend all the way to the Oregon border, and persons planning trailering trips to the various state parks in Northern California should check with Div. of Beaches, and parks in Sacramento for detailed information at the time of departure.

Palomar Mountain State Park (San Diego Co.) anticipates a severe water shortage and before midsummer it is likely that only drinking water will be provided, with showers and sanitary conveniences closed.

RESTRICTIONS EXPECTED IN NORTHERN PARKS TOO Boating will be restricted at Millerton Lake State Park

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